

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Masaki Kitahara, et al.

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Examiner: Hee-Yong Kim

Title: VIDEO ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS, VIDEO DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS, PROGRAMS THEREFOR, AND STORAGE MEDIA FOR STORING THE PROGRAMS

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In further response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2010 and in response to the Advisory Action mailed January 20, 2011, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.